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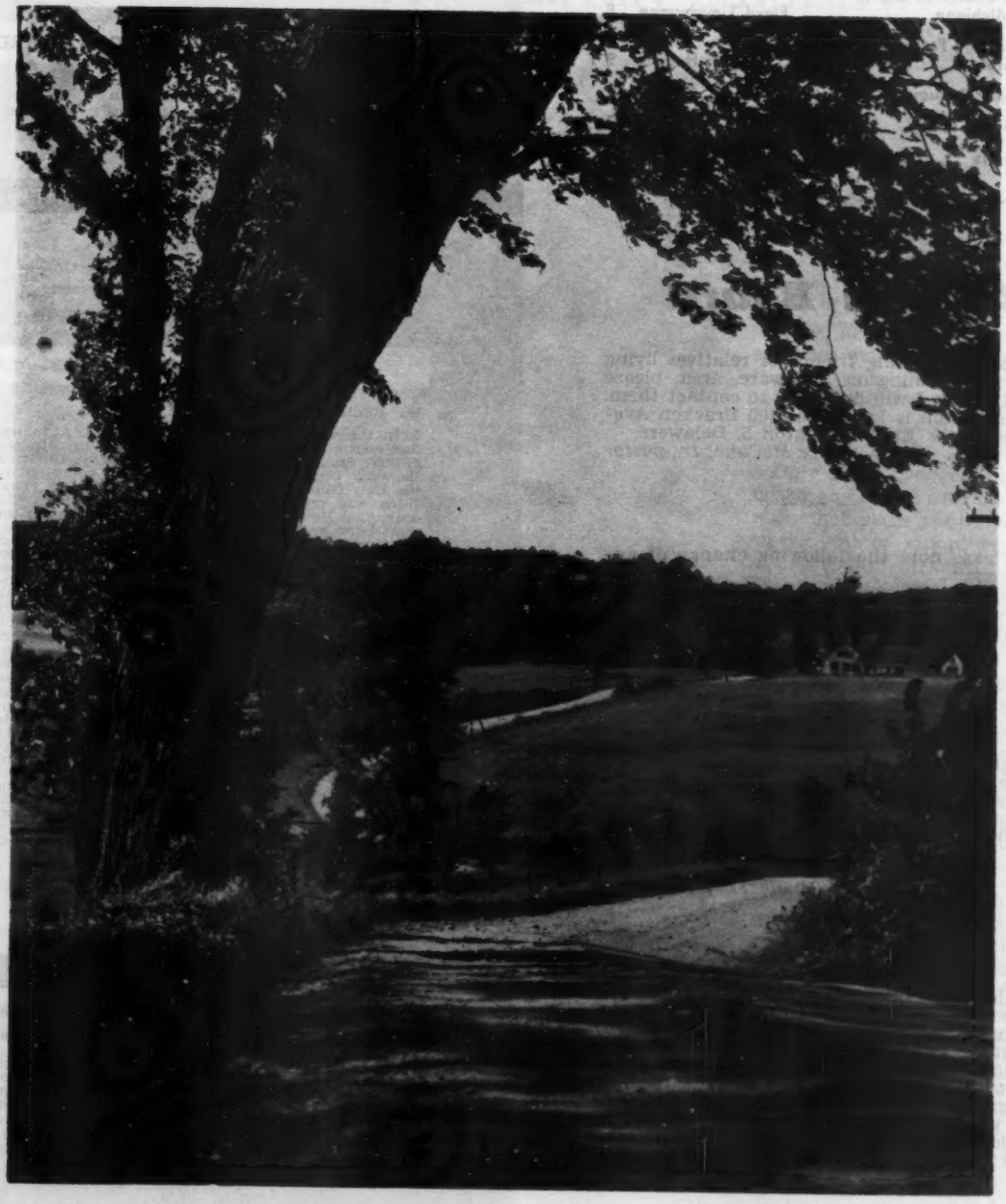
Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?



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Anyone having friends or relatives living in the Wilmington, Delaware, area, please notify me. I will be happy to contact them. Our church is located at 100 Bracken Avenue, Brack-Ex, Wilmington 5, Delawere.
—*Bruce McCane, Jr., pastor*

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Please note the following change of address:
Rev. Thomas R. Culp, pastor
Park Avenue Church of God
974 Inman Road
Memphis 11, Tennessee

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I have just graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and would like to secure a position in a Bible School or as an educational director in one of our churches. I have a B.S. degree and received a B.D. degree in May of this year.
—*Russell B. Obenchain*
1515 S. 28th St.
Lousiville 11, Ky.

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I have some material written in braille which is available for any blind person at the cost of postage. This material by the John Milton Society is Braille Grade Second Editon and includes *The John Milton Magazine*, Non Sectarian, and the *Religious Monthly*. There are also several phonograph records entitled "Talking Book." If you are interested, contact me at the following address: Rev. Estel D. Moore, 616 E. 10th Avenue, Yakima, Washington.

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Irene Elmina Wales, Editor

Closes Her Earthly Ministry

By the Editor

ON AN APRIL noon in 1927, a young 23-year-old girl stepped off the train in Cleveland, Tennessee, ready to begin work at the Church of God Publishing House. After lunch in the home of the editor and publisher, J. S. Llewellyn, Irene Wales went to the Publishing House and was introduced to the small staff. She began work that very day.

Irene became secretary to the editor and publisher, copyreader, proofreader, and general editorial assistant. In those early days, no one had clearly defined duties, but all the workers did whatever they could. Because of her many talents, Irene could do, and did, many types of work.

With the exception of its first editor, Irene worked with every editor the Church of God has had. She was a right-hand assistant to most of them: J. S. Llewellyn, M. W. Letsinger, S. W. Latimer, E. C. Clark, E. L. Simmons, R. P. Johnson, J. H. Walker, J. D. Bright, and the present editor.

As the Sunday School literature was increased and improved, Irene was appointed to edit a portion of this material. In 1945, her direct connection with the *Evangel* began to decrease as she assumed other and greater responsibilities. Since 1946, she has been an editor in her own right.

Irene Elmina Wales

And a capable editor she was. Her work has reached out to touch the hearts and the lives of thousands of our primary children.

Irene became ill about a year ago, but none of us were aware that the illness would grow until it became fatal. Her last months were spent alternately in the office, at home, and in the hospital.

Only about two weeks before her death, she talked with me at length about her plans and hopes for her work. Full of vision, eager to be active again, she tried to do some of her work even then. None of us knew that the Lord had decreed that she had been working long and hard enough.

On May 6, 1960, Irene Wales died of leukemia. Her long battle for health and her long labors were ended. Her last audible words were "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord."

Funeral services were conducted at the headquarters church on May 8, conducted by F. W. Goff, James L. Slay, and Charles W. Conn.

Many of the older ministers will remember Irene as she took notes at the General Assembly each year. She became a conspicuous figure and workman at most of our church activities. The church in general and the Editorial Department in particular, have lost an effective leader and a treasured friend.

California and Nevada

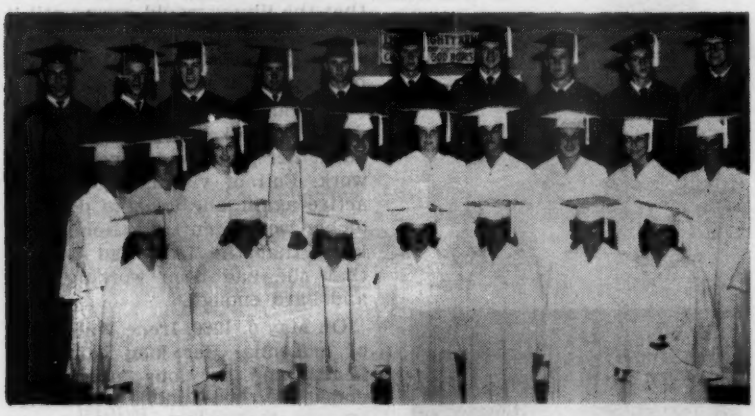
March On Like a Mighty Army

By L. W. McIntyre

CALIFORNIA and Nevada are marching on like a mighty army. Progress can be seen in the growth of every department. With California's only moving into the "A" group of states just before the last Assembly, the workers of this state had their work before them for another increase. It has happened. We have had a 13.5 per cent increase in membership since last Assembly, making the greatest number of members in the history of the church in the state.

At the time of our most recent check-up from Headquarters, we had second place in the circulation of the *Evangel* and *The Lighted Pathway*, even though we are listed number six in size of the "A" group of churches. The phenomenal growth of the church during this time is an indication of the fine fellowship and unity that exists here in these great states. The ministry, laity, and friends have made this report possible.

Our school, West Coast Bible College, has had two successful terms. Last year we had the largest number of graduates in the history of the school. This year has been very successful, too. We now have approximately twenty-one acres of ground for our buildings and campus, having purchased eleven additional acres this year at the cost of $30,000. This is located in Fresno near the Fresno State College. The college is gaining in influence over the western states. Two of the neighboring state overseers have been added to the college Board of Directors. Reverend Robert E. Fisher, superintendent of W.C.B.C., and the wonderful staff have done an exceptionally good job in our school work.



The 1959 graduating class at the West Coast Bible College.

During the first few months of this Assembly term, we had Reverend Paul L. Walker as state youth director. He was a hard worker and good organizer. His successor, Reverend Fred G. Swank, has served efficiently the remainder of the term. The former director had things in good shape for us and the new director has carried on the work like a veteran. The work of the youth and Sunday Schools has been outstanding. The people of the state have worked harmoniously with our present director, Fred G. Swank, and appreciate him so very much. He has a good influence with our people and is given credit for a job well done in the youth and Sunday School work.

The property value over the state has increased by thousands of dollars. We have many new church buildings and parsonages. Since last Assembly we have organized fourteen churches and now have six mission churches operating like fully organized churches.

It is wonderful to think of the success of the past, but the California and Nevada people are expecting many other victories and greater increases in the future. California and Nevada expect to march on like a mighty army for God and the Church.

L. W. McIntyre, Overseer of California and Nevada, has been in the ministry since 1935. He has served as pastor in South Carolina and Alabama, and Overseer of South Carolina and Georgia. He has been at his present post since 1958.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA CAMP MEETING

Fair Grounds, Tulare, California

June 20-25

W. Edwin Tull, Bible Teacher

C. R. Spain, Evangelist

A. M. Phillips, Official Representative

Report From Colorado

By James R. Ray

COLORADO IS one of the most beautiful states in the Union and furnishes one of the greatest opportunities for advancement and work for our Church that I know of. Denver and the greater Denver area are growing at the rate of close to one thousand monthly; it is nearing the million mark in population.

It offers every type of employment, paying top wage scale. The teaching profession has one of the highest scales with which I am acquainted. It would be a great blessing to our work here for the Church if some of you who read this and want to do something for God and the souls of mankind, would be willing to accept employment and at the same time begin a new field work. We are in desperate need of men willing to stay at least two years.

Most of the church reports that are carried back to our more populated states have been carried by men who stayed for about thirty days and became authorities on conditions and possibilities. It is true that the trend of worship differs some from other sections, but one can preach as straight as the Bible and if he will live right he will be accepted. The souls here are as precious as those in other sections. There are also several cities and towns close to Denver that present a challenge. Will you answer?

Through the help of the Lord and the fine cooperation of the ministers in the state we have made some gains, for which we are thankful. We have been able to improve the state parsonage and purchase furnishings in the amount of $1,473.14. The city gave us complete exemption from taxation for our state parsonage.

The church at Grand Junction was worshiping in a frame building that was old and badly in need of repairs. The pastor, the Reverend Lewis Peeler, and his family were living in a small section built on to the church. When we fasted and prayed, God gave us a Pentecostal revival, and a short time after the close of the meeting we were able to sell the property. A businessman stopped Brother Peeler on his way to work and asked if he would be interested in selling. Of course, this was the hand of the Lord in answer to prayer.

We were able to sell for cash; we cleared the indebtedness of close to ten thousand dollars and purchased other land. We have now erected a 40 x 60 block church with full basement, which will give ample Sunday School rooms, pastor's study, nursery, two rest rooms, and a L.W.W.B. kitchen.

The Executive Committee gave us a favorable settlement, and we were able to retain the former state parsonage, which was moved to the new location and remodeled; it is now a lovely six-room parsonage with bath. Through donated labor by the ministers in the state and members of the church we have been able to accomplish all of this with indebtedness of less than $5,000. The church is well on its way to becoming one of our best churches in this section.

Other churches have made improvements. Denver was given an automatic washer and dryer by Brother and Sister Blackburn, who attend but are not members of the church. Also, broken stained glass windows in the Denver Church have been replaced. Colorado Springs has almost cleared its indebtedness; the people have installed wall-to-wall carpeting in the living and dining rooms, and have purchased new living room furniture. Pueblo recovered the parsonage; the Greeley Church has been painted, the living quarters remodeled, and the auditorium rearranged.

La Junta has new built-in cabinets, with the lawn planted and trees set out. We are in the process of remodeling the parsonage at Canon City; also the church will be repainted and necessary repairs made during the next month.

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Rev. James R. Ray

COLORADO-UTAH CAMP MEETING

Free Methodist Campground, Canon City, Colorado

June 21-25

Edward L. Williams, Evangelist

H. D. Williams, Official Representative

Report From the State of Illinois

By H. T. Statum

I AM INDEED happy to report what God has done for us in the State of Illinois since last General Assembly, a period of twenty months. A great spirit of fellowship prevails throughout this state. We have some of the finest ministers and laity that can be found anywhere. It is through their faithful labors that we are able to report increases in every department of the church. There have been 15,822 sermons preached, 59,648 homes visited, 2,523 persons converted, 840 sanctified, 638 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 384 baptized in water, 898 added to the church, and 324 net increase in membership.

We have organized two new churches with good prospects of two more being organized in the very near future.

The indebtedness on the campground has been liquidated. The campground tabernacle, cafeteria, dormitory, state cabin, and rest rooms have been painted and a hot water system has been installed in the rest rooms, state cabin, and dormitory.

A new church and parsonage have been built at Green Rock and a new church built at Kankakee. A new church is now under construction at Peoria. A church building has been purchased by the North Chicago Church. Lots have been purchased for new church buildings at Centralia, Chicago (Summit), Grayville, Granite City, and Rockford (Parkside). A lot has been purchased by the Mt. Vernon Church for a new parsonage. A new six-room state youth parsonage has been purchased and furnished throughout with new furniture.

A number of new Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s have been organized and we are enjoying an increase in Sunday School and Y.P.E. attendance.

Our missions program was taken off the budget system and put on the basis of freewill offerings, resulting in a tremendous increase in home missions and a very nice increase in foreign missions. We are enjoying a very substantial increase in tithes, aged ministers' offerings, and orphanage offerings. We humbly say that God has done great things for us, for which we are thankful.

Illinois State Parsonage

Green Rock, Illinois, Church of God

ILLINOIS CAMP MEETING
Campground, Benton
June 20-26
George W. Alford, Bible Teacher
Wade H. Horton, Evangelist
Earl P. Paulk, Official Representative

H. T. Statum, Overseer of Illinois, is a native of Alabama. He began his ministry in 1939 and has served as pastor in Alabama, Overseer of South Alabama, and Overseer of Mississippi, before going to his present post in 1958.

Louisiana Marching With Banners

By J. H. Walker

"His banner over me was love," Song of Solomon 2:4.

AS A NATIVE son of the Pelican State whose slogan is: "Sportsman's Paradise," I am happy to report for the great State of Louisiana that we, a regiment in the mighty army of the Lord, are *marching on* under the banner of *love*. God is with us.

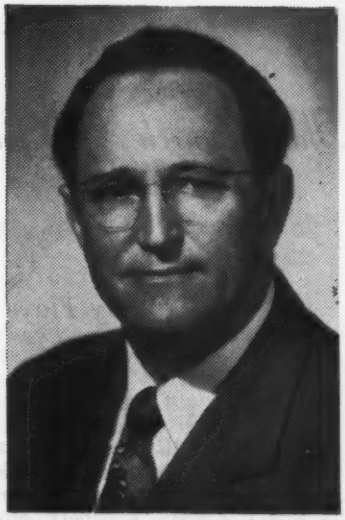
After forty-one years of serving the church in various positions, I was assigned Overseer of Louisiana and located in Monroe in the beautiful, large ranch style brick state parsonage. I have always been concerned about my home state, but now my interest is intensified. During these months I have witnessed the outpourings of the Spirit, outstanding services, wonderful camp meetings, a great Evangelism Conference, successful missions caravans, and a fine youth camp. A goodly number have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost during the many revivals throughout the state.

We have organized a church in the nice city of Winnfield, near the center of the state, and built a modern new church there located about four blocks from the courthouse square. We have built four new church buildings with Sunday School rooms, three new Sunday School buildings, and three other churches have built Sunday School additions. We have built a modern parsonage in New Orleans, Harahan. Nine parsonages have been enlarged, remodeled, and/or redecorated.

Five other churches have completed Ladies' Willing Workers' kitchens and/or ceiled and finished additional rooms. Our ladies have raised $37,383 to help with many improvements, repairs, and gifts of furniture. The faithful ladies have fasted, prayed, and labored. They have read at least 73,664 chapters in the Bible and have been a real blessing to our churches. We appreciate very much their faithful services.

Future Buildings

New Orleans, Spain Street Church, plans soon to build on their new $15,000 lot (now paid for) a beautiful modern church at a value of roughly $100,000.



Rev. J. H. Walker, Overseer

Baton Rouge has their educational building and concrete parking lot completed. The foundation is laid for the main auditorium. This building when completed will likely cost $100,000.

Tithes

Since tithes is considered the financial barometer of the church, we are happy to note that Louisiana has surpassed all previous records in its history. For this Assembly year, the church's tithes increased $12,449.70 over the same nineteen months previously. This year it is still running far ahead of last year, for which we are so thankful. We, too, appreciate all our people are doing for missions, the aged ministers, orphanage, and all the other phases of our program.

My deep appreciation goes to Reverend Prentice Parker, our state Sunday School and youth director, for his energetic determined-to-win efforts which have meant success to our youth program.

Youth Work

God is blessing. The state Sunday School attendance record has been broken twice and the state Y.P.E. record once. Around seventy-five per cent of the churches have broken their individual records in both Sunday School and Y.P.E.

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LOUISIANA CAMP MEETING
Community Center, Covington

June 22-26

David L. Lemons, Bible Teacher
E. O. Byington, Evangelist
H. D. Williams, Official Representative

The Church of God in Michigan

By Floyd Timmerman

Rev. Floyd Timmerman

I AM HIGHLY honored in having the opportunity to give a report of the work for the fine ministers, members, and friends who make up the wonderful Church of God family of Michigan. As we look back over the past twenty months and see what has been done, we bow with grateful hearts giving thanks to the eternal God for making this possible. The unity, fellowship, and fine cooperation from everyone are appreciated very much.

One thing that I have noticed in particular which has been very inspiring is the consecration and dedication to God of the ministry and laity alike. We have had district conventions, youth conventions, regional meetings, ministers' meetings, prayer conferences, and camp meeting which have been some of the most outstanding I have ever attended. We have so many capable ministers who know how to go right along with the work. We have appreciated the fine State Council and Youth Board who have so ably assisted in the work of the state. The Youth Department has made great strides of progress under the leadership of Reverend Joseph C. Hodges, State Sunday School and Youth Director.

There have been four new parsonages purchased and eight new churches purchased, the last one being an eight-acre tract of land with a large auditorium and gymnasium, and school rooms all fully air-conditioned by the Royal Oak Church in the metropolitan area of Detroit. Numbers of our churches have remodeled and built new additions of which we do not have the space to give full particulars on every one.

The statistics listed below will show you some of the growth for the state:

Churches organized	10
State membership	4,911
Net gain in membership	704
Number saved	6,485
Number sancitifed	3,157
Number baptized with the Holy Ghost	1,803
Number added to church	1,514
Sunday School attendance	478,116
Sunday School average weekly attendance	5,831
Y.P.E. attendance	187,694
Y.P.E. average weekly attendance	2,289
Total tithes paid into local churches' treasury	$495,254.60
Average monthly tithes paid into local churches' treasury	$24,762.80

We are in the process of building a cafeteria on the campground which will be completed in the next three weeks.

We could go on and on telling of the many accomplishments by the people of Michigan but space will not permit. We would like to say we appreciate the spiritual and material growth that God has given us and to Him be all the glory and praise for every accomplishment.

Floyd Timmerman, Overseer of Michigan, entered the ministry in 1937. A native of South Carolina, he has pastored churches in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. He has served as Overseer of Illinois and a member of the Home for Children Board of Directors.

MICHIGAN CAMP MEETING

Campground, Parshallville

June 20-25

Billy S. Myers, Bible Teacher

T. A. Perkins, Evangelist

James A. Cross, Official Representative

Greetings From the Sooner State

By G. W. Hodges

THE NAME "Sooner" springs from land grabbers in 1886 who rushed in and took possession of the land before the cannon sounded, or "sooner" than they were supposed to. In more recent years this term has become very popular when referring to Oklahoma. Oklahoma has grown from that tiny beginning of homesteaders to become recognized as a powerful element in the United States and abroad. Oil is the state's greatest natural resource and oil wells can be seen towering on the lawn of the state capital in Oklahoma City. Tulsa, often referred to as the "Oil Capital of the World," houses offices for the world's major petroleum companies.

Tulsa is also unusual for its religious affiliations. Headquarters of world-wide evangelists such as Oral Roberts, T. L. Osborn, and others are situated in this beautiful city which has been tagged the "Evangelistic Center of the World."

Our church has made marked progress through the sands of time since its humble beginning in 1916 near Ravia, Oklahoma. One can view scenes of success in many areas throughout the state where God's people have been faithful to His cause. When one visits Oklahoma, as our license tag suggests, his breath may be taken by the oil wells, but something towering in stature far outlasting the oil well is the dedicated, God-loving people of the Church of God.

Of these high in stature are 1,934 members of the Church of God who worship together in our forty-seven churches. There have been 11,431 sermons preached, 1,473 souls saved, 584 sanctified, 430 filled with the Holy Ghost, 182 baptized in

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G. W. Hodges, Overseer of Oklahoma, was born in Alabama and converted in Tennessee. Since entering the ministry in 1931, he has served as pastor in Illinois, Tennessee, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina and Alabama. He was Overseer of Arkansas four years before going to Oklahoma in 1955.

OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING
Campground, Chandler
June 20-25
Paul L. Walker, Bible Teacher and Evangelist
A. M. Phillips, Official Representative

Oklahoma State Campground

water, and 418 added to our number since the last Assembly.

The missions cause has not gone unheeded as evidenced by $10,176.73 given by the Sooners for foreign and district missions.

Two new churches at Miami and Grove have been born and organized to meet the spiritual demand in these cities.

"Facelifting" procedures have repeatedly been in evidence as churches and parsonages have been remodeled. New churches have been constructed at Grove and East Tulsa (auditorium). Miami has purchased a building. Lawton is in the process of planning a proposed $50,000 modern brick church. When completed, two churches will exist in Lawton. The new building will be built in "T" formation with the educational plant spanning the back of the auditorium, which will be equipped with nursery, pastor's study, baptistry, sixteen Sunday School rooms with accordion sliding doors which, when opened, will yield three small auditoriums, and reversible heating and air-conditioning unit.

Remodeling of church buildings has taken place at Faxon, Lindsay (in process), and Southwest Oklahoma City where the church has finished its educational plant. A complete all new L.W.W.B. kitchen has been installed, as well as factory-built church pews and pulpit at the Southwest Oklahoma City Church.

Parsonages have been built at Binger and Johnson; Idabel purchased a parsonage with an acre of land to relocate the church. Also, remodeling of parsonages has improved the property value at Ada, Ravia, Murphy, Pryor (additon of two new bedrooms), Southwest Oklahoma City, and West Tulsa.

In addition to remodeling, West Tulsa completely refurnished their parsonage. We thank God for the material gain and progress in Oklahoma which amount to approximately $125,000.

We have not broken any records organizing new churches, but God has been with us in revivals throughout the state, making it possible to surpass all previous spiritual results and enabling us to rewrite the records as indicated by the figures who have been blessed of God.

Our Sunday School and Youth Department has made great strides forward in all phases. We have averaged 11,050 in Sunday School monthly and 6,152 in Y.P.E., with an average Sunday School offering of $1,934.25. One new Sunday School and one branch Sunday School have been organized. We have seen our home extension list grow from six to sixteen. Oklahoma has made several new ventures and become the leader in certain areas of Sunday School and youth work. Our effort to teach the *Workers' Training Course* in every church in the state is the first such attempt. A state youth luncheon was held last year in conjunction with the camp meeting. Oklahoma will introduce, as far as we know, a State Youth Spring Retreat as our youth gather on the campground May 14 for a day of study, prayer, and fellowship together.

As we have taken this quick look at our past achievements, our hearts are flooded with the prospects of what lies ahead if we maintain our faith in God and keep a "mind to work." Much has been accomplished and we must pause to pay tribute to the ministry, laity, and friends of the Church of God in the Sooner State who have made it all possible.

COLORADO

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Our spiritual progress has been good, although we are in desperate need of an evangelist and wife who can give us a lift with preaching and with their music.

We have realized an increase in membership, for which we are thankful. Should you be interested in answering the challenge and feel that you have necessary qualifications for a mission state, we shall be grateful if you will contact the state office, Box 2565, Denver 1, Colorado.

LOUISIANA

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during this same period. We have issued more Teachers' Training Certificates during this time than ever before. We are happy to report that more than 100 of our teachers will receive the Master Diploma (meaning they have taken all five courses). Also, we have been able to establish two new Sunday Schools, three Y.P.E.'s, and two branch Sunday Schools for which we are so thankful. Our Lamplighters Clubs are well received; we now have twelve clubs operating. Our youth camps have grown in attendance, interest, and spirit. We anticipate another great camp this year. Sunday School and Y.P.E. are on the march. Each month new visitation teams are organized and this is paying off in students. We have four Sunday School extension classes.

Why Are We Progressing?

1. Our people have become more Sunday School minded and youth conscious; they have a greater burden and are learning how to win souls.

2. Our Sunday School teachers and youth workers have seen the need of more training and studying through teachers' training courses, special youth congresses, and regular training conferences.

3. Our people have a desire to obtain the highest shield for their Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s—THE SILVER SHIELD. These are a few reasons why the Church of God youth program must go over the top for God and His great Church. We owe to God, to the ministers of Louisiana, and the wonderful Church of God people here in our state, the success we have had and for what we are going to have both in our youth and general church work as we march forward for Him.

Note of Commendation: I would like to express the sentiment of the ministers and laity of the great State of Louisiana in saying we know there are not words in our vocabulary to express our deepest feeling for Brother and Sister Walker for their work, sincerity,

honesty, and, above all, their Christian character. Words cannot reveal nor numbers tell the real work that has been done by Reverend J. H. Walker, Overseer of Louisiana. The business-like manner with which he handles the financial affairs, the Christian spirit, and dignity that he has shown cannot be measured or written about but only time will tell and eternity will reveal the real progress that Louisiana has seen under his administration. Only a few people are deserving of what I can say out of a heart of honesty: Brother Walker is a real man of God. His work will live on and on.

Pray for the complete healing of my body. Also pray for my lost children. —*Mrs. Bessie Dickert*
1704 Peach Avenue
Memphis 12, Tennessee

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Pray that the Lord will help in a special way in our church. Also pray a special prayer for me.
—*Mrs. Lorena Barlow*
Battle Creek, Michigan

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Pray for the healing of my daughter and for the salvation of her soul. Also pray for some unspoken requests. —*Cora Digmon*
General Delivery
Silsbee, Texas

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Pray a special prayer for an urgent unspoken request.
—*A sister in Christ*

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Pray for the complete healing of my body. —*Martha Sandlin*
Sumiton, Alabama

— — —

Pray for the healing of my body.
—*Artie Thomas*
Box 38
Sylvester, West Virginia

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Pray that the Lord will give me the Holy Ghost and save my husband. —*A sister in Christ*

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Pray for my daughter and son to be healed and for 3 of my daughters who have bad health.
—*A child of God*

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Pray for the healing of my eyes and for two unspoken requests.
—*Rosa Lee Wells*
519 North Houston Street
Live Oak, Florida

Pray for the healing of my sister and for the healing of my body. Also pray that the Lord will have His way in my life.
—*A sister in Christ*

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Pray that the Lord will heal my body of cancer —*Nettie Wicker*
Erwin, N. C.

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Pray for the complete healing of my body. Also pray for my father and my unsaved loved ones.
—*Mrs. Pearl Bullard*
Ft. Worth, Texas

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Pray that the Lord will heal my hand. —*Mrs. Bobbie Creel*
Route 1, Box 568-F
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Pray a special prayer for the healing of my mother's body.
—*Mrs. Nellie Lyda*
214 Poole Street
Woodruff, South Carolina

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Pray for the healing of my body. Also pray for the salvation and healing of my niece.
—*Mrs. Harry Kennedy*
East Bank, West Virginia

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Pray that God will heal me of a very bad nervous condition.
—*Mrs. Grace Williams*
8676 Stephens
Warren, Michigan

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Pray for a very special unspoken request.
—*A sister in Christ*

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Pray for a young lady who has just recently given her life completely to God's service. Pray for a lady in Easley, South Carolina, who has recently undergone a serious operation and needs prayer. Also pray for me that the Lord will restore my strength after an attack of flu and another illness, and that I will be completely healed of a heart condition.
—*A brother in Christ*

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Pray for the complete healing of my body and that I may be lifted up in spirit and soul.
—*Maude Martin*
Route 2, Box 25
Altoona, Alabama

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Pray that the Lord will heal my body and that my husband will be saved and healed. Also pray that my children will be saved.
—*Mrs. Hiram Fields*
Cawood, Kentucky

Pray for an urgent unspoken request. —*Mrs. B. K. Herring*
Route 8, Box 397
Gadsden, Alabama

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Pray for the healing of my body and a special unspoken request.
—*A sister in Christ*

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Pray that the Lord will heal my body and mind.
—*A sister in Christ*

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Pray for my 19-month-old granddaughter who has something wrong with her heart. —*Virginia Holland*
Wingett Run, Ohio

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Pray for the healing of my eye.
—*Mrs. O. E. Chesteen*
Route 3, Box 25
South Winona, Mississippi

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Pray that the Lord will help me. I need His help.
—*Mrs. J. O. Dickerson*
Rt. 2, Arley, Ala.

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Pray a special prayer for the healing of my body.
—*Mrs. Mabel Carr*
Box 383
Davis, W. Va.

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Pray for Mr. Frank Grice of Ft. Pierce, Florida, who has a serious heart condition, and his wife who is not well. Also pray for Mrs. Hattie Martin of Miami who is also suffering with a serious heart condition and needs God's healing hand. Pray that my sister will give her heart to God before it is too late. —*Cecil Johnson*
Miami, Fla.

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Pray that God will undertake in my home, and heal two of my children who are afflicted.
—*A sister in Christ*

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Pray for the healing of my head.
—*Mrs. Grace Schmid*
11207 S. Wallace St.
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Pray earnestly that God will heal me of cancer.
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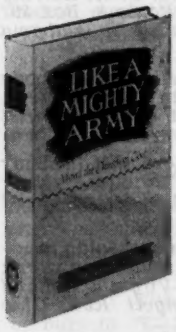

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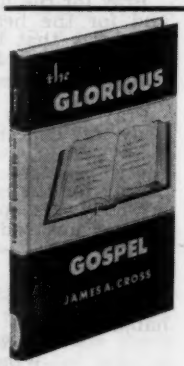

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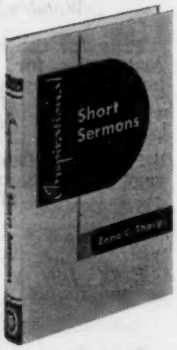

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ROME (EP)—Pope John XXIII reportedly is taking steps to establish in Rome an institute for the study of Protestantism to train Roman Catholic priests who will work in Protestant countries. Italian press agencies report that courses will last three years and be run for doctors of theology. The opening date of the school, which will be operated by the Jesuit order, has not been announced.

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Post Office to Use Slogan Cancellations in Obscenity Fight

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—For the first time, the Post Office Department is placing slogan cancellations in use in 13 major post offices in a drive to encourage the public to cooperate with its enforcement campaign against obscene literature in the mail.

Special dies bearing the cancellation slogan, "Report Obscene Mail to Your Postmaster," have been sent to postmasters in the nation's ten largest post offices: New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, and Cleveland. The slogan will also be used at Miami, Atlanta, and New Orleans, and will be available for other post offices, if postmasters or postal inspectors request it.

Postal inspectors are forbidden to open first-class mail, so their only means of obtaining evidence against mail-order smut dealers if members of the public bring in letters or circulars which are addressed to them.

Postal inspectors admit that they are especially anxious to secure copies of mailings to teen-agers. Many church and civic groups have protested the smut peddlers' use of mailing lists of high school or prep school students, but too often, postal officials say, indignant parents who discover such mail burn it and are too embarrassed to report it to their postmaster.

Sodom and Gomorrah "Bombed," Says Russian

MOSCOW (EP)—The infamous cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by a nuclear explosion triggered by visitors from outer space. That is the version of a Russian master of physico-mathematical sciences identified as Mr. Agrest.

Agrest's remarks were publicized by the Russian news agency Tass which quoted the Soviet scientist as saying that the Dead Sea Scrolls found in 1947 in an area adjoining the Lebanese Mountains give a description of Sodom and Gomorrah that "cannot help but attract the attention of modern men who are familiar with nuclear physics."

Agrest believes that traces of such a probable visit to the earth by travelers from outer space may be found through joint research by archaeologists, geologists, physicists, and radiochemists. He said glassy bodies called "tekkites" have been discovered in the Libyan Desert which contain radioactive isotopes of aluminum and beryllium at least a million years old along with other products of extremely high temperatures. These, Agrest said, may be traces of prehistoric spacemen's atomic missles.

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Tillich Sees Trend Toward "Authoritarian" Religion

LOS ANGELES (EP)—Famed Protestant theologian, Dr. Paul J. Tillich sees "a trend away from Reformation individualism" toward "authoritarian" forms of religion which may end the Protestant era.

Tillich made the remarks here at a press conference preceding a lecture series which he delivered at Occidental College (United Presbyterian). The Harvard Divinity School professor said this trend toward authoritarianism was indicated by recent mergers of Protestant groups, the ecumenical movement, and Roman Catholic encouragement of Christian unity.

"The Protestant theology is essentially non-conformist," he said, "but rugged individualism has disappeared and has been replaced by 'Organization Man,' the development of the collective spirit." He said the "trend toward spiritual security and, therefore, authoritarian forms of religion, poses a threat to Protestantism."

"Today's younger generation wants to be sociologically, ethically, and spiritually secure . . . The liberal philosophy which I found when I came to America 26 years ago does not exist today," the German-born theologian said. "The liberal movement came suddenly to an end in the 1920's."

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Airman's Diary Tells of Prayer

The little notebook in the desert told the story . . . a story of courage, of suffering—and of earnest prayer.

Second Lt. Robert F. Toner of North Attleboro, Mass., one of nine who went down with the B-24 Bomber "Lady Be Good" in "one of the greatest mysteries in modern aviation history," wrote the account in April, 1943. He told of blistering heat and freezing cold.

Scattered through his notes were items like these:

"Wednesday, April 7—Prayers all the time . . ."

"Saturday, April 10—Still having prayer meetings for help . . ."

"Sunday, April 11—Still waiting for help, still praying . . ."

And the last time, just before death stilled his pen: "Monday, April 12—No hope yet . . ." (EP)

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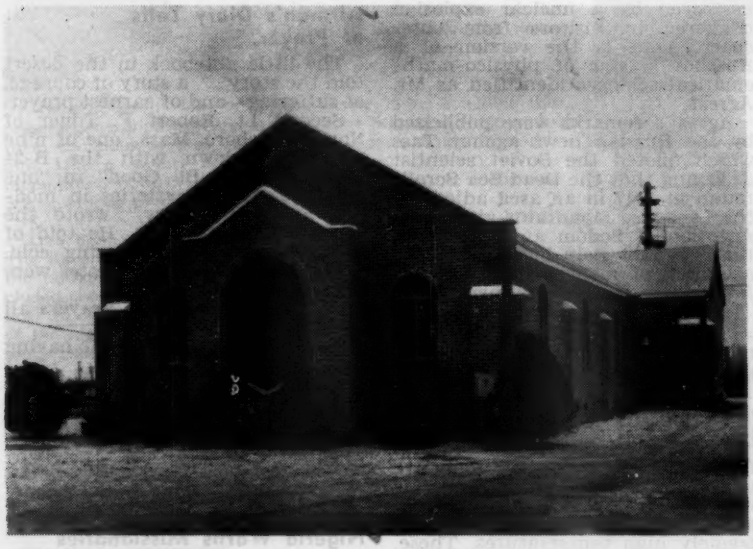
Nigeria Warns Missionaries Against Interfering

KADUNA, Nigeria (EP)—Christian foreign missionaries must not meddle in political affairs of the Nigerian government, Prime Minister Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello has warned. He directed his remarks to the 1,200 missionaries in Northern Nigeria working in an area where 63 per cent of the population is Moslem.

Sir Ahmadu Bello made reference to last December's federal elections when missionaries urged people to vote for Christian candidates. The Prime Minister is head of the Northern People's Congress now in power, a government which has granted funds to missions and named Christians to cabinet posts.

"We've got to live together," the government leader told the Christians. "We Moslems have the greatest respect for the teachings of Christ. He is God's prophet."

Church at Bessemer on the Move



BESSEMER, Ala.—It seemed at first an impossibility to build a new church at Bessemer but after much prayer, our pastor found 2 lots in an ideal location on the corner of 18th Avenue and 13th Street. After buying these 2 lots, we began to raise money to start our new building.

Our Y.P.E., with 2 small miniature churches, began to raise money. At the close of the contest, they had raised $500. As they worked, each one seemed to get more interested. There were some who still doubted but after a few weeks of hard work it seemed that every member got interested and started to work. Many friends of the church began to help us and soon we had enough money to start our building.

Construction began on July 10, 1959. The work progressed in every way until on September 20, we had our dedication service. Brother D. A. Biggs, State Overseer, brought the message.

Since moving into our new church, the membership has almost doubled. Our Sunday School has tripled, and our Y.P.E. has doubled in attendance. We thank God for all that He has done for us.

The building has 5 Sunday School rooms, 2 restrooms, and a large auditorium measuring 34 by 50 feet.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Britts E. Nichols, for their untiring efforts during this building program. Since Brother Nichols assumed the pastorate here, the Lord has blessed us greatly, not only in the building program but spiritually. Many have received the Holy Ghost in the last few months. We desire your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless us as we continue to work for Him.

—Mrs. E. E. Johnson, reporter

Missouri Prayer Conference

FLAT RIVER, Mo—The Missouri prayer conference convened at the Grand Avenue Church of God, February 18 and 19. A blessed spirit of fellowship existed as the people gathered from over the state and from nearby Illinois. The conference opened with music, prayer, and praises ascending to the heavenly Father. Our esteemed Overseer, Rev. W. P. Stallings, opened the conference by reading Joel 2: 15, 16 and talking of the present tension in world conditions and the great need of a spiritual hunger among God's people. His prayerful planning and moderating ability were evident throughout the meeting.

Thursday night our competent youth director, Rev. Johnny Warren, led the congregational singing and Rev. L. Luther Turner, pastor of Detroit Tabernacle, delivered a powerful message entitled "Pentecostal Revival."

On Friday morning the visiting ministers from Michigan served on a panel to discuss the prerequisites for revival. Then Rev. F. L. Timmerman, Overseer of Michigan, brought a wonderful message on the subject, "Prayer That Avails." In the afternoon the congregation enjoyed another panel discussion on the subject, "Choosing an Evangelist." Doyle Zachary, pastor of Royal Oak, Michigan, then challenged the ministers with a sermon on "Sowing and Reaping." On Friday evening, the house was packed and Rev. E. E. Winters, pastor of Wyandotte, Michigan, stirred every heart with a message entitled "Seven Finalities of Evangelical Faith."

These men were each anointed with the Holy Ghost to preach powerful messages. There were manifestations of speaking in other tongues and people were shouting, crying, and running for joy as God moved in the services. This prayer conference certainly was a Pentecostal refreshing from heaven long to be remembered. The emphasis throughout the conference was on prayer and revival. Ministers were challenged to return to their churches to work and pray as never before for a heaven-sent revival.

Every service during the conference was well attended. Those who participated in the musical program were evidently at their best. The host pastor, Rev. Wayne Heil, and the St. Louis pastors did a commendable job of providing sleeping quarters for the visitors. The L.W.W.B. of the local church served delicious food during the conference.

We thank the Lord for having these men to come our way. We are grateful to them for taking time from their busy schedules to

visit our prayer conference in Missouri. I believe the State of Missouri will long remember this prayer conference and the Church of God will see profitable results in the coming year. Each minister went away with a greater determination "to know nothing among men save Christ and Him crucified." —*N. L. Hamby, reporter*

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✓Pioneers for Christ Club Invades Ringgold

RINGGOLD, Ga.—We wish to sound a note of thanks and praise to the Pioneers for Christ Club of Lee College. Though the weather was bad, those young students conducted the street service just the same. Their voices rang out in songs and prayer, and the messages from God's Word were inspiring. After the street service, from house to house they went, giving out tracts and talking to people about Christ and His goodness to save.

The results of the invasion conducted by the club were approximately 300 homes visited, 1,600 tracts distributed, two street services conducted, three church services held, and sixty-four souls saved!

A large number of these persons were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost at the Ringgold Church of God. The Sunday night following, eight of them came forward for membership in the church. A week later there were nine at the altar seeking the Lord; eight of them testified to an experience of grace.

The Ringgold Church has been blessed greatly. Our people are continuing this house-to-house witnessing and, as a result, our church is spiritually uplifted with a *zeal* it has never possessed before.

We cannot say enough in behalf of our college students and their leaders. They have been a great inspiration to our church. We want these young people to return soon.

—*C. N. O'Kelley, pastor*

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Soul-Stirring Revival at Grand Avenue Church

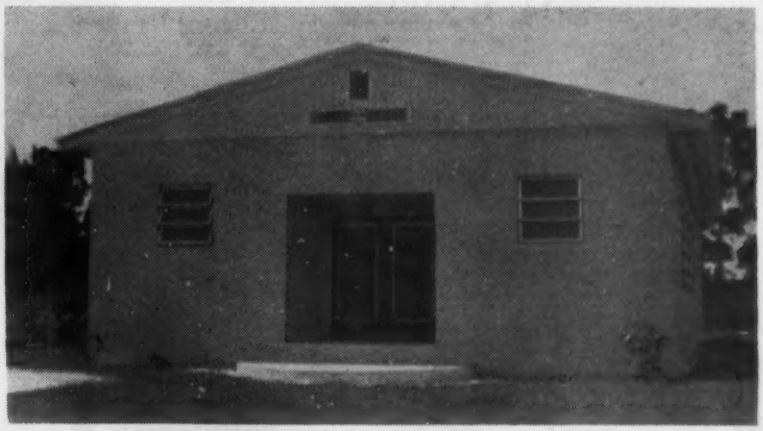
ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The times of revival are not past! We are happy to report that we had this so forcefully demonstrated to us. Rev. C. B. Donohue of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was with us from February 21 to March 20, 1960. God, through this man, brought a marvelous spiritual awakening to our hearts. Brother Donohue preached old-time Pentecost to us through the power of God. It was a revival that will never be forgotten.

✓South Park, Birmingham, Alabama, Breaks State Record

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Pictured here are most of the fifty-four persons, along with the pastor, John D. Nichols, and the State Sunday School and Youth Director, Clyne W. Buxton, who received *Worker's Training Course No. 5* certificates on Sunday morning, February 14. This is the largest number of persons of any church in Alabama to be awarded certificates in any one-year period. Paul L. Walker, Sunday School and Youth Director of Tennessee, capably taught the course. His excellent teaching contributed greatly to the success of the school. The State Sunday School and Youth Office warmly congratulates the pastor, the superintendent, and the workers of the South Park Church for their wonderful response to the *Worker's Training Course No. 5.*

—*Clyne W. Buxton, reporter*

✓ New Church Dedicated to God



INDIANTOWN, Fla.—The Lord has been so good to us. I am full of joy and thankfulness.

Sunday, November 15, we met together with our district overseer, Rev. Dewey Herndon, the people of Indiantown as well as many of the ministers and friends from the Okeechobee and East Coast districts; here we dedicated our lovely new church to God.

Brother Herndon brought the message of dedication. God anointed him and the service. Then after a basket dinner, we had an inspiring afternoon service which melted our hearts together and seemed to create a desire for a closer walk with God.

Our church was set in order by Rev. A. M. Phillips just before the last Assembly.

The State Overseer, Rev. Houston R. Morehead, the State Board, and our district have helped and encouraged us. We thank God for all His blessings.

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